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ALAMOGORDO NEEDS A FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Prominent Southwestern Journal So Declares

CO-OPERATION THROUGH SO-LID ORGANIZATION

El Paso Business Farmer Points Out Advantage

THE ALAMOGORDO NEWS is advocating the organization of a Farmer's Institute for that section. The more put forth towards the developments of the agricultural and livestock industries in the Southwest the sooner will the country prosper and flourish. Agriculture is the foundation of all industries. Unless the farmers are prosperous the whole country suffers. For many years Colorado, one of the best mining states in the Union devoted all its time and attention to developing its mining industry and neglected its agricultural possibilities, but for the last fifteen or twenty years the people of that commonwealth realizing what agriculture offered have been engaged in fostering agricultural and allied pursuits with the result that today the agricultural wealth of the state is far in excess of its mining interests. History but repeats itself in the Southwest. For many years mining and ranching was the only thing that appealed to people, but conditions are changing. The leading men in every community are coming to recognize that farming is the one industry on which we can build a sure foundation—a foundation which will maintain a permanent and prosperous superstructure. It has been proven beyond question that when right principles and methods are applied the Southwest offers great possibilities and the community or neighborhood that refuses or neglects to foster and develop these possibilities is but retarding its own prosperity. Help the farmers. Every crumb of bread you cast on such waters will return to you many times multiplied.—El Paso Business Farmer.

New Year's Dance

The New Year's dance will be given Monday evening by the ladies of the Civic League. The dance will be given in the old Beaver's hall on New York avenue, which is large enough to accommodate comfortably all who may attend. The best of music will be provided.

The proceeds of this dance will be used for the benefit of the Public Improvements department of the League. The Thanksgiving dance was for the benefit of the Public Library department. The admission to the New Year's dance will be fifty cents to all.

Change In Laundry Service

Effective January 1, the Elite Laundry of El Paso, will discontinue its delivery service in Alamogordo. Ed. Martin, of the Tenth street barber shop, will be in charge of the agency. Work will be forwarded and returned to Alamogordo just as promptly as heretofore, but not be delivered by wagon in Alamogordo.

THE COUNTY AS SEEN BY OTHER WRITERS

Farmington Enterprise Publishes Description

UNLIMITED RESOURCES ARE ENUMERATED

Clipping is Good Advertising to Send Abroad

Population, 7,069. County seat, Alamogordo. Average open to entry, under Roswell land office, unsurveyed, 761,000; under Las Cruces land office, surveyed, 872,772; unsurveyed, 636,860.

Thousands of quarter sections are open to entry in Otero county, and while in almost all cases water will have to be developed by well or reservoir construction, this should not prove either difficult or costly. With a water supply practically all the land in this county will grow splendid crops of grain, vegetables and fruit, and some of the finest fruit to be found is now being grown there. There are special opportunities for homesteaders throughout the county along the line of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad and the splendid results to be obtained by irrigation are shown in the farming near Alamogordo and around Tularosa, one of the oldest settlements in New Mexico and now becoming prominent again as the center of a flourishing agricultural district. Experiments without irrigation with the dry culture method have proved successful in this as in other counties of eastern New Mexico. Angora goat raising is becoming an important industry in the mountain districts of this country, while the mining camps of Jarilla and Oro Grande are promising. A large smelter is located at Oro Grande, where large bodies of ore carrying values in gold, copper, and lead are found.

The county seat, Alamogordo, is on the main line of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad, is an enterprising, growing town, with fine schools, broad streets, and thriving business interests. It is the center of a large lumber manufacturing industry, the timber being hauled from the Sacramento mountains which overshadow the town. A branch line of railroad runs from Alamogordo to Clondoroff, one of the famous summer resorts of the southwest and in a big timber reserve.—Farmington Enterprise.

The Dance Extraordinary

One of the most unique dances that Alamogordo ever has had will be given on Saturday evening January thirteenth, by the ladies of the city. This will be a leap year ball and every feature of the leap year privileges will be carried out by the ladies. Invitations will be issued, programs will be used, the gentlemen will be called for by the ladies, and the gentlemen who are not asked to dance will decorate the walls. One other pleasing feature is that all the expense will be paid by the ladies. Everybody is looking forward to this big dance with most varied feelings.

W. O. W. CONSIDERS ALAMOGORDO FOR SANITARIUM SITE

Big Mass Meeting Thursday Night to Get Sentiment of People

Vote Was Unanimous in Favor of Institution For Alamogordo

There was a meeting of the citizens of Alamogordo, held Thursday night in the court house, called by the local camp of the W. O. W., in order to ascertain the sentiment of the public in regard to the establishment of a W. O. W. sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis. The meeting was called to order by W. B. Murrell, representing the local camp, and nominations for chairman and secretary were in order, J. H. McRae being elected chairman, and Stannard C. Hartley secretary.

Mr. McRae made a talk introducing the principal speaker, Dr. W. C. Rountree, owner of the Alamogordo Sanitarium. Dr. Rountree began his talk by stating that his mission was to secure the W. O. W. sanitarium of Jurisdiction C., which comprises the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, for the town of Alamogordo, if the people so desired. He stated that W. A. Frasier, advisory counsel of the national organization, had been working on a sanitarium proposition for some fourteen months, and that he, Dr. Rountree, had been working on the proposition for some three or four months.

At the present time there are only two places to be considered: Alamogordo and Alpine, Texas. Llano, Texas, had been considered and probably would have obtained the sanitarium, had not the people objected and sent telegrams to Mr. Frasier and even had a special edition of the newspaper protesting against such action. Dr. Rountree said the W. O. W. did not want to and would not have a sanitarium at any place where the people did not fully welcome it, and that for this reason the mass meeting was called. He has made a proposition to Mr. Frasier to take care of all the Woodman patients at a price less than the Modern Woodmen of America, the Typographical Union, and the various railroads have to pay for the care of their patients, and that he believed that he could secure the sanitarium for this place if the support of the people were behind him. Dr. Rountree has secured the opinions of the men highest in the medical profession in the state of Texas, all of whom agree that New Mexico has the best climate for the treatment of tuberculosis.

With these opinions of the medical profession and the endorsement of the people behind him, he sees no reason why this city should not receive the coveted prize.

To have the sanitarium established here would mean the future prosperity of this city. It would mean the bringing of many new families here and the advertising that Alamogordo would receive surely would place her conspicuously on the map of the cities that are. Dr. Rountree further stated that Mr. Frasier would assuredly be the

next head of the national organization of the W. O. W.; probably in April, 1913, if not sooner as Mr. Root, the present head of the organization, was a very old man and would then retire. This means that if Alamogordo is selected as the place to have the sanitarium for Jurisdiction C., of which Mr. Frasier is the present head, that assuredly Mr. Frasier will also select this place for the national sanitarium.

Dr. Rountree, who has a son who had contracted tuberculosis, had made an extended tour in search of a place where he could send his boy with the assurance of his being cured, and after having visited several sanitariums in New Mexico, at one of which the doctor in charge informed him that Alamogordo was by far the best place. Four or five months after he had sent his son here, he made another tour, but with this trip he was absolutely convinced that this city was the best place, not only in the United States, but in the entire world.

Dr. Rountree concluding his talk, Chairman McRae called on Rev. J. A. Armstrong for a discussion of the subject. Mr. Armstrong responding, said that he had lived at Silver City, where a number of sanitariums are located, for a number of years and that comparing the two places all in all Alamogordo was by far the better not only in climate but in transportation and other facilities.

Dr. E. D. McKinley being called on next, said that the establishment of the sanitarium here would bring in a great number of people who, not desiring to stay at the sanitarium, would live in town, thus increasing the wealth and population of the town. Stating further, he said that the increase in the number of health-seekers here would necessitate incorporation, in order that sanitary regulations might be enforced.

Dr. J. R. Gilbert being called on said that he had had some little experience in running a sanitarium and that from his experience with the people here believed and knew that they were ever ready to help in any way they could.

W. B. Murrell in behalf of the local camp of the W. O. W. read a letter that had been sent by a committee of lodge members to Mr. Frasier urging the supremacy of Alamogordo in every respect.

Mr. Murrell's remarks concluding the discussion, Dr. Rountree requested a vote of the citizens present as to their opinion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the sanitarium. He then requested that a committee be appointed to interview those not present and find out their views in the matter. Chairman McRae then appointed Rev. J. A. Armstrong, A. J. Buck, W. B. Murrell, and Dr. E. D. McKinley.

Mr. McRae then closed the

FACTORS INFLUENCING

QUALITY OF EGGS

Product May be Improved With Little Care

BETTER METHODS TEND TO REDUCE LOSSES

Department Bulletins Contain Good Pointers

Washington, Dec. 23.—Farmers and those handling eggs commercially, as well as the housewives and other consumers of eggs will be interested in Secretary Wilson's remarks on two systems in vogue in the egg trade.

The system of marketing eggs in general use in the Middle West, known to the trade as the "case-count" system, has proven detrimental to quality. Briefly, case-count buying consists of the payment of the fixed price which happens to be current at the time for each and every dozen which may be offered for sale, regardless of whether the eggs themselves are good, bad, or indifferent. The only requisite in most cases to consummate a sale is for each egg to have an intact shell. No more practical step can be taken in improving quality than to discard this system of buying and replace it by the one known to the trade as "loss-off."

Where the "loss-off" system is in use the eggs as bought are "candled," that is subjected to a test which shows quite definitely their condition and quality. By this test, it is possible to detect "rots," "spots," and other deteriorated eggs, such as shrunken, weak, watery and heated eggs. In paying for eggs bought on this basis, the rots and usually the spots and blood rings are thrown out entirely, so that they become a dead loss to the person responsible for them. Such a classification and method of payment is a distinct step forward and results in a great improvement in the eggs.

Masonic Installations

The Masonic bodies have been having a royal time with their installations this week. The Knights Templar and Royal Arch held their installation Wednesday afternoon, and the Blue Lodge and Eastern Star Wednesday night. There was a good attendance.

South Methodist Services

There will be services at the South Methodist church next Sunday, both morning and evening. Subject for the morning hour "The Passing of the Year." Subject for the evening hour "New Year's Resolutions." Strangers will receive a hearty welcome.

Geo. H. GIVAN, Pastor.

meeting with a few remarks on the temper of the people regarding the sanitarium. He related the building of the old Fraternal City Sanitarium, for which the people of Alamogordo raised five thousand dollars as a bonus. He said nothing could be more convincing as to the attitude of the people than this donation. The meeting was then adjourned.

SHUTDOWN COST COUNTY

A MILLION DOLLARS

This Amount Would Have Been Disbursed

SUIT WAS INSTIGATED BY ALAMOGORDO MAN

It Will be up to him to Explain Motives

It has not yet been possible to secure any reliable confirmation of the report that the United States has dismissed its suit against the Alamogordo Lumber Company, but the indications are very strong that this is the course which will be taken by the Department of Justice. The decision or opinion by the district court was favorable in every way to the defendant company, and since the plaintiff elects to stand by the original complaint, only two courses lie open; i. e., withdrawal of the suit, or an appeal to a higher court. Those who are in position to know, hold to the belief that no appeal will be taken.

A good many moons ago, when a settlement seemed imminent, the directors of the company made an appropriation to cover the cost of a new plant in the Sacramento mountains, and some other arrangements and plans were considered, looking to a resumption of the industry.

The suit against the Alamogordo Lumber Company was instigated by a man who lives in Alamogordo. Whatever may have been his motive, he succeeded in making the people of Otero county forfeit a million dollars which would have been disbursed through payrolls since the shut-down occurred nearly four years ago. And besides the amount disbursed in payrolls, the commissary department afforded a good market for food products and feed stuffs which were grown by the farmers in the Sacramento mountains. It will be hard for the people of this county to understand or appreciate the patriotism of the man whose reports resulted in so great a calamity. It will be all the harder to believe in his motives, since the court has decreed that his cry of "thief and fraud" was wholly without foundation.

Socialist Lecturer Coming

Kate Richards O'Hare, associate editor of the Rip-Saw, which is published in St. Louis, will lecture at the court house in Alamogordo on January twenty-ninth. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the socialist organization of Otero county. An admission of twenty-five cents will be charged for the lecture. The admission includes a year's subscription to the Rip-Saw.

Mrs. O'Hare's lectures include the following subjects: "Law and the White Slaver;" "Girl Workers of the Cities;" "The Farmer and Socialism;" "Church and the Social Problem;" "What is Socialism?" The subject of the lecture to be given here has not yet been decided upon by the committee, but will be announced later.

Ralph Connell of Tularosa was here Wednesday looking after business and court matters.